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The BRETHREN EVANGELIST is the official organ of the Brethren church, and this means that it is an earnest advocate of the cause which the Brethren church represents. While this paper rejoices in the success of the kingdom of God on earth, thru whatever means attained, whether thru our communion or that of another, yet it believes that the Brethren church has a distinctive work to perform in bringing this world to Christ. It stands for primitive Christianity. It believes that what Jesus taught to be essential to the salvation of the human soul more than 1800 years ago, is yet an essential to salvation in the closing years of the nineteenth century. It earnestly contends for the faith once delivered to the saints, for the whole gospel, and, as touching the essentials of salvation, the gospel only. It believes in God the Father, and his Son Jesus Christ whom he sent into the world to work out the great plan of human redemption, and in the person and work of the Holy Spirit. It believes in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. It seeks in every way possible to help, encourage and edify its readers, laymen, ministers, men, women and children; to build them up in the most holy faith, and thru them advance the kingdom of God. It supports every work and aids every effort that makes for righteousness, that looks to the social, the intellectual, and the moral elevation of mankind, and uncompromisingly assails every form of evil that makes for human degradation. Among the religious organizations it holds the church as supreme, but lends encouragement and help to the Sunday-school, the Young People's Society, the Sisters' Society of Christian Endeavor, Missionary and Temperance Societies, and all other auxiliaries that have for their object the lifting up of Jesus to a dying world and the betterment of humanity. The home, the nation, and the world for Christ, is its motto. It is the friend of humankind, and an enemy of everything that tends to human degradation. It wages relentless warfare against the legalized liquor traffic, believing that the good of humanity demands that the "rum traffic be pulverized."

Such is the character and purpose of the BRETHREN EVANGELIST, the official organ of the Brethren church by whose grace and authority it exists. Is the cause worthy of your support? Is it too much that we should request the continued and increasing patronage of every member of the Brethren church? We think not. It should be the aim of all our people to make the paper better for the year 1900 than it has ever been before. This can be done in two ways, first, by enlarging the subscription list, and second, by liberally contributing to its columns. Not all can do the latter, but everyone can do something toward the former. Since our request for 3,000 subscribers a few weeks ago, about 100 subscriptions have been added. If every one who is now a reader of this paper will make a special effort to increase the list it is not only possible to reach the 3,000, but probable that we will. There yet remain three weeks of 1899. Let there be a special effort made during this time to secure new subscriptions. Surely we are modest in our estimate, that of the present number of subscribers there are at least *one thousand* who are intensely interested in the welfare of our church paper. Would it be unreasonable to expect *one* new subscription from each of these one thousand?